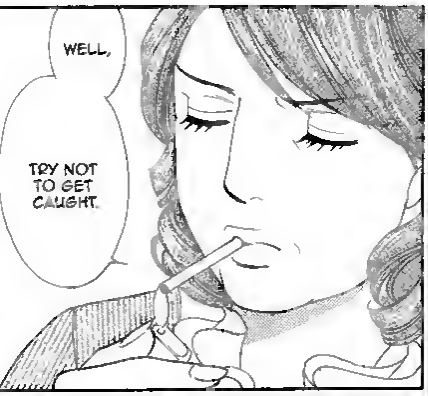
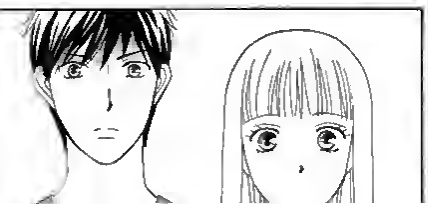
SCENE 13

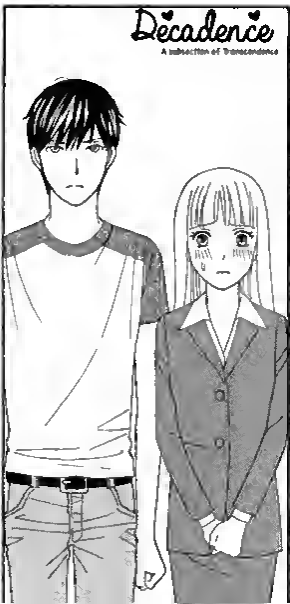
THE HEROINE IS A STEPPING STONE TOWARDS FAME?!

Hello, my name is Sawatari Kyoko.
A little update on my life, I became the girlfriend of the actor, Tezuka Riku.
BAM!
GASP

AN ACTOR AND HIS EX-MANAGER
DATING EACH OTHER?


WELL,
TRY NOT TO GET CAUGHT.

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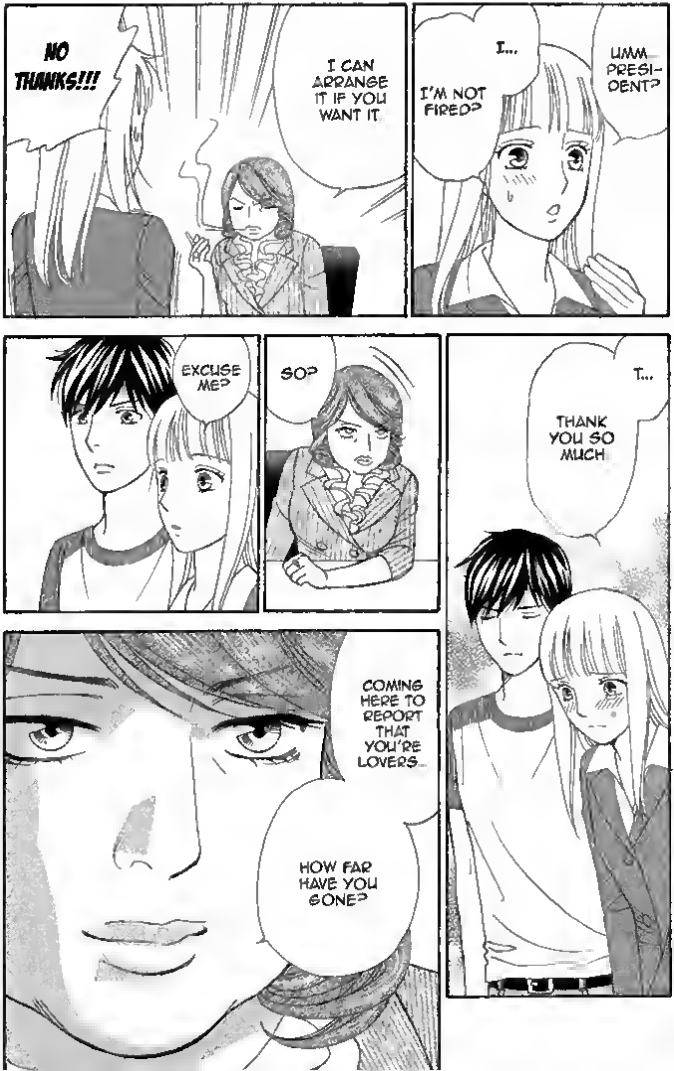

NO THANKS!!!
I CAN ARRANGE IT IF YOU WANT IT
I'M NOT FIRED?
I...
UMM... PRESI-DENT?
EXCUSE ME?
SO?
T...
THANK YOU SO MUCH
COMING HERE TO REPORT THAT YOU'RE LOVERS...
HOW FAR HAVE YOU GONE?

Lovers!
SHINE
THAT'S ALL YOU CARE ABOUT?

Lovers!
Lovers.

*TN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

I'M JUST ASKING NOT EXPECTING MUCH FROM THE MAN WHO GOT TWENTY NGS ON A BED SCENE.
It was nineteen.
YOU'RE ABUSING YOUR POWER.
EVEN THIS GIRL.
WOULD MAKE A GOOD STEPPING STONE FOR YOUR BED SCENES,
RIGHT, TEZUKA?
EXCUSE ME.

SHUTS
A stepping stone. .
Of course.
There's no way Tezuka-san would choose a failure like me as a lover.
BAM

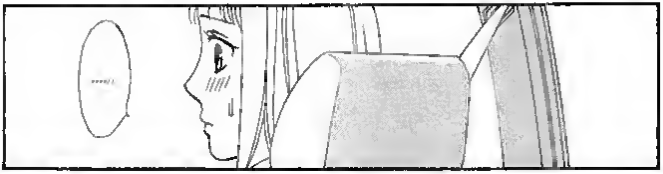
I'LL BE YOUR STEPPING STONE! COME, I'LL TAKE ALL YOUR PERVERTED FETISHES!
I was such an idiot... going to seventh heaven
SNIFF
PFFT
LISTEN.
IF I WAS CHOOSING A GIRL FOR THAT REASON,
I WOULD NEVER PICK SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
HUH?
UMM...
BUT...
IF I'M GOING OUT WITH AN ORDINARY PLAIN JANE WITH TROVES OF STUPIDITY GUSHING OUT LIKE YOU, THERE'S NO WAY I'D EVER EXPECT THAT. DO YOU FOLLOW?
UHH..

PULLS
YOU? A STEPPING STONE?! YOU'VE GO TO BE KIDDING! GO WASH OUT YOUR BRAINS WITH MISO SOUP FIRST, YOU BIRDBRAIN!
CRAH
Decadence
I'M ONLY WORRIED
BECAUSE YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME

TEZUKA-SAN..
REST IN PEACE, SAWATARI
I THINK I'M BECOMING MORE INTERESTED IN THESE MOVES
THERE IT IS THE SLEEPER HOLD
SCRUNCH
Red blue green
Only a few privileged people know about our Relationship
ONE OF THE PRIVILEGED PEOPLE.
OHHH, THE PRESIDENT GAVE HER APPROVAL?
VROOM

I'M SO JEALOUS. I'D LOVE TO BE IN A RELATION-SHIP WITH ZERO ATMOSPHERE THAT NOBODY WILL BUY INTO.
YOU'RE TOTALLY GOING TO FOOL THE PAPARAZZI!
THAT'S GREAT! YOU DON'T GIVE THE "LOVEY-DOVEY" LOOK AT ALL!
...
IT MAY BE A LITTLE OUT OF PLACE FOR ME TO SAY THIS...
BUT YOU'LL BE IN THE TAIGA DRAMA* NEXT YEAR, AKAE-SAN, SO YOU SHOULD GO EASY ON THE NIGHTLIFE.
TEZUKA-SAN HAS ALSO HAD OFFERS TO STAR IN NHK'S MORNING SERIES*?
OR THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.
*TAIGA DRAMA: ONE OF FIVE PROGRAMS NHK (JAPAN'S PUBLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTER) PRODUCES EACH YEAR. THESE HISTORICAL DRAMAS HAVE BEEN AIRED IN JAPAN THAT BEGAN IN 1963.
*TV'S DAILY SERIES, USUALLY GIVES AS AN ACTOR'S STEPPING-STONE INTO THE SHOWBIZ

NOW TEZUKA CAN'T ALLOW HIMSELF TO GET INVOLVED IN A SCANDAL.
GOOD LUCK TO HIM!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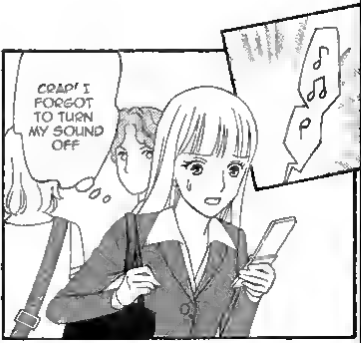
"Avoid getting caught"
I know that already
See you!
The best way to not get caught—
is to not be seen.


CRAP! I FORGOT TO TURN MY SOUND OFF

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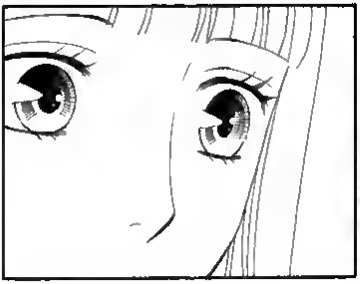
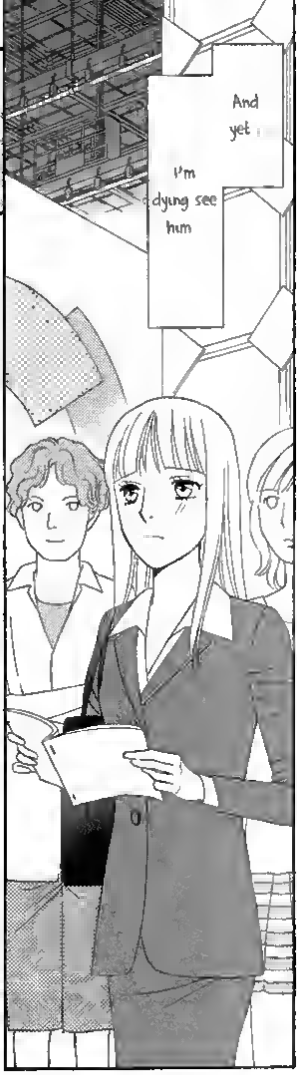
Tezuka
Dinner
I finished early
Come here!




And yet
I'm dying see hum

OH MY GOD! KAORU'S MANAGER IS STUCK IN THE LIGHTING!
CRICKLE
CRICKLE

Pshhh

Sizzle
Sizzle

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Bubu Bubu
Sizzle
CURRY? MAKE IT SWEET ENOUGH FOR A CHILD TO EAT.
WHO ARE YOU GIVING IT TO? GO HOME ALREADY!!!
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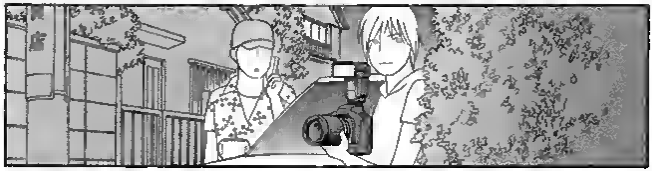
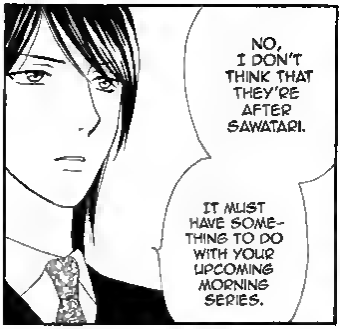
THERE IS A PHOTO-GRAPHER HIDING OUTSIDE




NO, I DON'T THINK THAT THEY'RE AFTER SAWATARI.
IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR UPCOMING MORNING SERIES.

THEY'VE GOT A WHIFF OF SOMETHING ALREADY..

LOOK AT ME, A BIG FISH NOW

IT'S ALL THANKS TO HER SCOUTING ME...

.....
I HAVE TO WARN HER NOT TO COME

DING DONG
THANKS FOR ORDERING! THIS IS KORAKU RESTAURANT!

*ON HER CLOTHES: KOUAKU

T/N: SHE LOOKS LIKE PINKO ... HER A FAMOUS JAPANESE ACTRESS

I AM NOT A DELIVERY SERVICE GIRL!
SHREDS
COSTUME FROM THE SET
GIVE ME THE CHANGE
TSK, A DELIV-ERY...
WAS THAT TIP-OFF A HOAX?

BUT THIS DISGUISE WILL DO, RIGHT? NO ONE CAN TELL THAT I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT, TEZU-KA-SAN?
THERE ARE PEOPLE OUTSIDE,
幸楽

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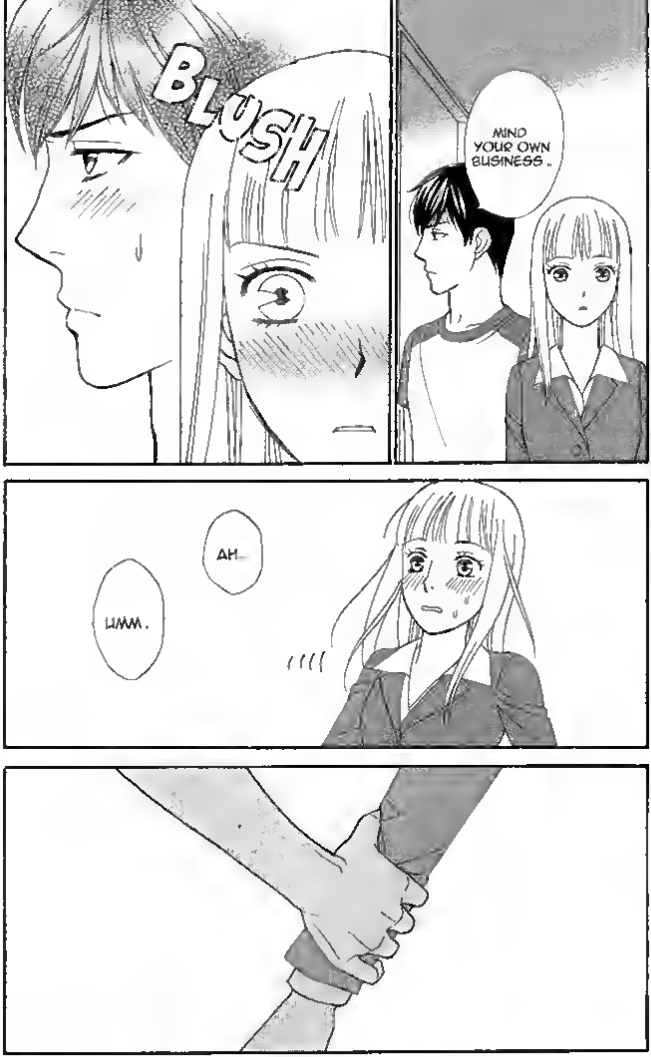
Ouch!
IDIOT!
SQUEEZE
YOU'RE REALLY AN IDIOT!
TEZUKA-SAN... IT HURTS...
IDIOT!!!

YOU'RE STILL THERE?! I'LL PUT ONE AND A HALF PORTIONS OF THE CURRY IN SOME TUPPER-WARE, ALL RIGHT?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SMELLS NICE HERE!
TE-ZUKA
HE AIRED HIS FUTON!
YES?
SAWA-TARI, COME HERE FOR A SECONO
KCAIC



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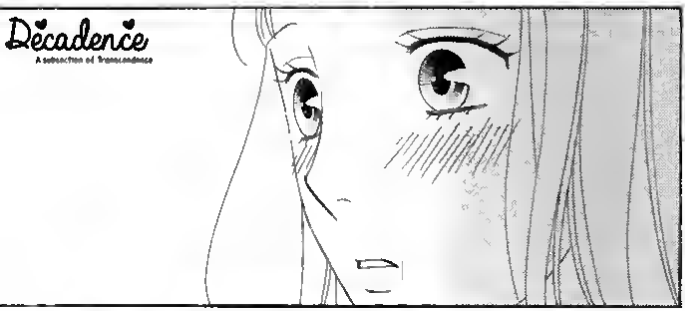
I TOLD YOU TO BECOME A STEPPING STONE...
IF RIGHT NOW...
I'D DO IT.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NO.

I DON'T WANT TO EMBRACE A *STEPPING STONE*,
BUT A LOVER

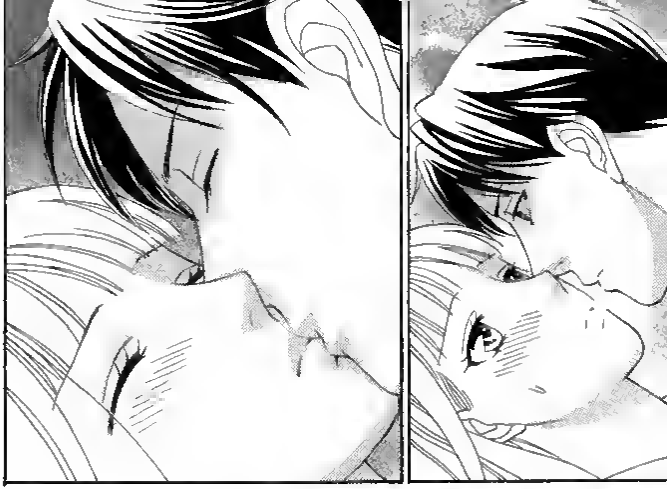
EMBRA

T-TEZUKA-SAN?!
There we go!
There we go

OPENS

Oh!
THERE

Hop on



ARGH!!!
PINCH
HUH?
OPEN...
YOUR MOUTH

NNNN...
AHHH...

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YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU
SO I HOPE YOU CAN RETURN MY FEELINGS
ME? I'VE ALWAYS...
PLEASE ACCEPT ME
AS YOUR BOYFRIEND

NNN..
I LOVE YOU...
...

GRRR

YOU'VE HEARD WHAT I WANT IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS INFO FROM YOUR HEAD EDITOR, RIGHT?
I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU-
IS THAT YOU, GUNTA?
YOUR INFO WAS WRONG. TEZUKA'S JUST EATING CURRY WITH HIS MANAGER
Wait just a little longer.
It's Tezuka's girlfriend...
His ex-manager.
HUH?!
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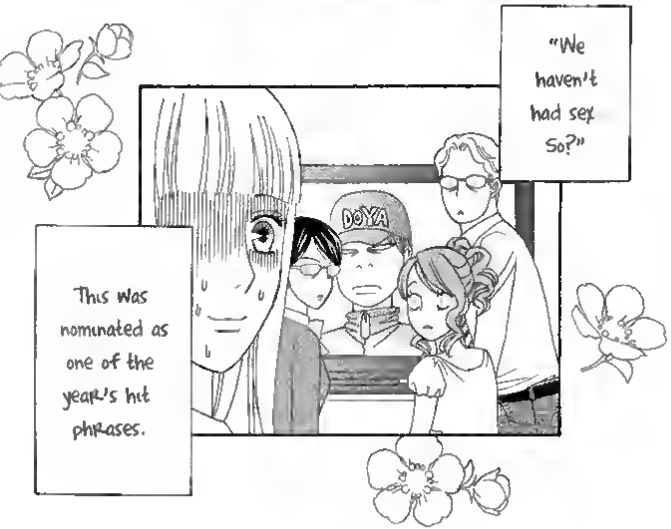
FLASH
FLASH
IS THE WOMAN YOUR EX-MANAGER?
WE WERE TOLD THAT YOU WITHDREW FROM THE MORNING DRAMA?
TEZUKA-SAN, IT'S THE FIRST AFFAIR WE'VE HEARD OF FROM YOU. A WORD?
WHAT IS THE RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR EX-MANAGER?
HOW FAR HAVE YOU GONE?
JOLT



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JOB SEARCH

MASATO NIKAIDOU, ALREADY INTRODUCED FOR HIS TWENTY-EIGHT JOB INTERVIEW HE RESOLVED TO TAKE A DIRECT APPROACH
IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO MANAGE A RATHER HANDSOME CHILD
I'LL TAKE YOU!
KAORU
Nice to meet you!
PS TATSUNAMI DOESN'T HAVE CHILD ACTORS.
A HUGE LIE!

NIKAIDOU'S SEARCH – END

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